

Testimony in Support of Raised Senate Bill No. 5214  
An Act Prohibiting the Idling of Motor Vehicles

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Good morning Senator Ed Meyer, Representative Richard Roy, and other Members of the Environment Committee. My name is Tracy Hill and I am writing to you today to urge you to support Senate Bill No. 5212.

In my travels around Connecticut, I witness on almost a daily basis cars queued up in line with their engines running. This is particularly common in front of my children's public and religious schools where the fumes are a danger to children. The parents or caregivers leave their engines running for as long as ten minutes while they wait to pick up their son or daughter.

Car exhaust is the number one source of greenhouse gas emissions in Connecticut. It uses more gas to idle a car for longer than 10 seconds than to restart a vehicle. Estimates are that people would save a hundred dollars or more on average per year if they avoided idling their cars.

I believe this bill is needed to help raise public awareness of the harmful effects of toxic air emissions, and that there is something very simple and cost effective that we can do in the interest of our children's welfare as well as our own.

Please support this bill so we can all breathe a little easier.

Thank you,

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